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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith a new, original application for filing entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOTELY SEVERING A PREFABRICATED VERTICAL DRAIN.

Papers which are enclosed as required for the filing date under 37 C.F.R Section 1.53 (b) are 11 pages of specification, including 2 pages of claims, pages 9 through 10, containing claims 1 through 5, and a title page, which appears in front of page 1. The Abstract of Disclosure is contained on page 11 of the specification. Also enclosed are 4 sheets of formal drawings, containing Figs. 1 through 5.

Additional papers which are enclosed as required are the Declaration and an Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with Rules 56, 97 and 98 of the Rules of Practice in Patent Cases, and an Assignment.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.9 and 1.27.

The required filing fee of \$425.00 is enclosed herewith in the form of a check. The fee was calculated as follows: Basic filing fee for small entity = \$385.00, total claims in excess of $20 = 0 \times \$9.00 = 0$, independent claims in excess of $3 = 0 \times \$42.00 = 0$, multiple dependent claims = 0, Assignment = \$40.00, total calculation for small entity fee is \$425.00.

Respectfully submitted,

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